NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: One of the adjournment motions, which was given notice of yesterday, could not be gone through as another adjournment motion had been posted for discussion yesterday. That motion, on which a decision has now to be arrived at, reads thus:

> "I beg leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, of recent occurrence, *viz.*, the unrestricted dumping, into India, of rubber from Burma, in excess of its quota, and the very heavy loss to the Travancore rubber-growers who are, in consequence deprived of the local market".

In this motion, it is alleged that there is dumping. It is also alleged further that the dumping is in excess of the quota under the Rubber Restriction Scheme. These are actions alleged to have been perpetrated by another Government, *viz.*, the Government of Burma, which, until today, is part of the Government of India. Before, therefore, deciding the admissibility of this adjournment motion, the Chair would like to be more than satisfied whether there is proof which the member can urge in support of his motion. I would, therefore, ask Mr. Raman Pillai, who has given notice of this urgent motion, whether he can satisfy the Chair that he is in possession of sufficient material to prove the two allegations he has made against the Burma Government.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery cum Peermede II*): I can give no proof other than an article published by the Secretary of the Indian Planters' Association, in the *Manorama* dated the 7th Karkatakam 1111. It is stated that that 7,95,658 pounds of rubber were exported from Burma to India in the month of May. I have no other proof, Sir.

PRESIDENT: So, the only proof that the Hon'ble Member has is a quotation from a newspaper. Have the Government any information on the matter?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have not received any official information on this question of Burma exporting rubber to India. Just two or three days back, Government received a representation from the Indian Planters' Association, referred to by Mr. Raman Pillai—based evidently on the article published in the Manorama—that there was dumping of Burma rubber into India; and that the Government should take the necessary action to prevent it. Beyond that representation, Government have not received any information. The representation, by the Indian Planters' Association, is being considered by the Government; and, if it is found necessary to take any action on it, Government will do the needful. That is all I can say at present.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Do the Government expect to get official information in regard to the exportation of rubber beyond the quota?

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RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Statistics are published by the Government of India in their Trade Journal.

PRESIDENT: What has Mr. Raman Pillai to say in the light of the statement made by the Chief Secretary?

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): If the Government are prepared to enquire into the matter and do the needful, there is no need to make the motion. I am quite prepared to withdraw the motion.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET (*Contd.*)

PRESIDENT: The House will now resume the general discussion of the Budget. Mr. Pacode Narayana Pillai was attempting to get up, last evening when the House adjourned.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Yes, Sir; I was in possession of the House when the House adjourned last evening.

PRESIDENT: But the House was not in possession of you (*Laughter.*)

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): But now I am in possession of the House, Sir.

I rise to make a few observations on the Budget Estimate for the coming year, as well as on the statement made by the Financial Secretary in introducing it. At the very outset, I have to submit that the Financial Secretary, after disposing of the various figures, on the expenditure side as well as on the revenue side, in a particular way which would suit his purpose, concludes with a consoling statement that the next year is expected to end with a surplus of Rs. 3 lakhs and odd. Sir, this so-called surplus budget is not, in reality, a surplus budget at all. A close scrutiny of the figures will convince any one that the next year is going to end in a huge deficit and not at all in any surplus. Let us see, Sir, how the Financial Secretary has managed to show a surplus. At page 28 of his speech, the Financial Secretary has made two statements. One is—

> "Our closing cash balances, at the end of the current year—*i. e.*, 1111 are estimated to be Rs. 90·37 lakhs."

Just a few lines below, he makes the further statement:

> "Our closing cash balance at the close of the ensuing year is expected to stand at Rs. 46·84 lakhs, which represents roughly the minimum working balance required.".

That is the position, Sir.

We must also know how this position has been arrived at. We find from the disposition of the various figures that the Government balance has been considerably depleted, nay, exhausted, as the Financial Secretary observes at page 27 of his statement, so that the general current balance of Government is expected to be overdrawn at the end of the next year by Rs. 9·57 lakhs. So, the accumulated surplus of several years has been considerably drawn upon.

Secondly, there is a particular method of classification of accounts adopted for the first time in this year's budget. Certain items of expenditure, which were till recently placed under expenditure charged to

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